

WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Aid For Our Towns

State funding for cities and towns impacts your property taxes. That’s why I fought hard to protect funding for **Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Deep River, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland and Westbrook**. This table shows the state grants and reimbursements for our district in Fiscal Year 2010–2011.

	Fiscal Year 10-11
Total Education Grants	\$42,278,068
Town Aid Road Fund Grant	\$1,509,161
Mashantucket Pequot & Mohegan Fund Grant	\$307,294
Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP)	\$769,332
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	\$549,632
Total State Funds to the 33rd Senate District	\$45,413,488

Honoring Veterans, Active-Duty Personnel and Their Families

The General Assembly continued its efforts to support veterans, active-duty personnel and their families. I’m proud that with my support, we were able to pass laws that:

- ▶ Extend the expiration date of driver’s license for active-duty service members serving out of state
- ▶ Provide credit or an exemption toward the requirements of a professional license or certificate for members of the armed forces who received substantively similar training during their military service
- ▶ Honor Vietnam veterans by proclaiming March 30th of each year as “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.” The date was chosen because it commemorates the return home of the last members of the armed forces who served in Vietnam.



Home Care Co-pay Relief for Seniors



Seniors who can stay at home and out of nursing homes live longer, more active lives at a significantly lower cost to individuals and the state. The Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders helps keep eligible seniors in their homes at a tremendous cost savings. However, due to the state’s financial crisis, a new co-pay was put in place in January. I believed that this co-pay was far too high, which is why I supported a reduction of the co-pay to 6 percent—a far more reasonable rate for this important senior-care program.



Presenting our budget plan, making responsible spending cuts while not raising taxes—with Appropriations Committee Co-Chair John Geragosian and Finance Committee Co-Chair Cam Staples.

Dear Neighbor,

Everywhere I go constituents tell me the same thing: they want state government to focus on growing jobs and balancing the budget. I got the message.

This session we worked with Governor Rell to pass a historic bipartisan jobs bill. The initiative helps businesses get access to the capital and credit that they need to thrive. We also made Connecticut an easier place to do business by cutting back on red tape and began to streamline the regulatory process. There is still a lot to be done in this area.

We tackled the budget deficit the same way. By working together, we balanced the budget without raising taxes or cutting municipal aid. Instead, we made significant cuts to state spending, eliminated \$422 million in authorized bond projects, maximized federal aid and reduced borrowing.

As always, I look forward to hearing from you as Connecticut continues on the road to recovery.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Daily
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State Senator

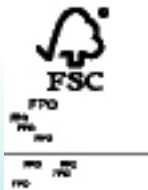
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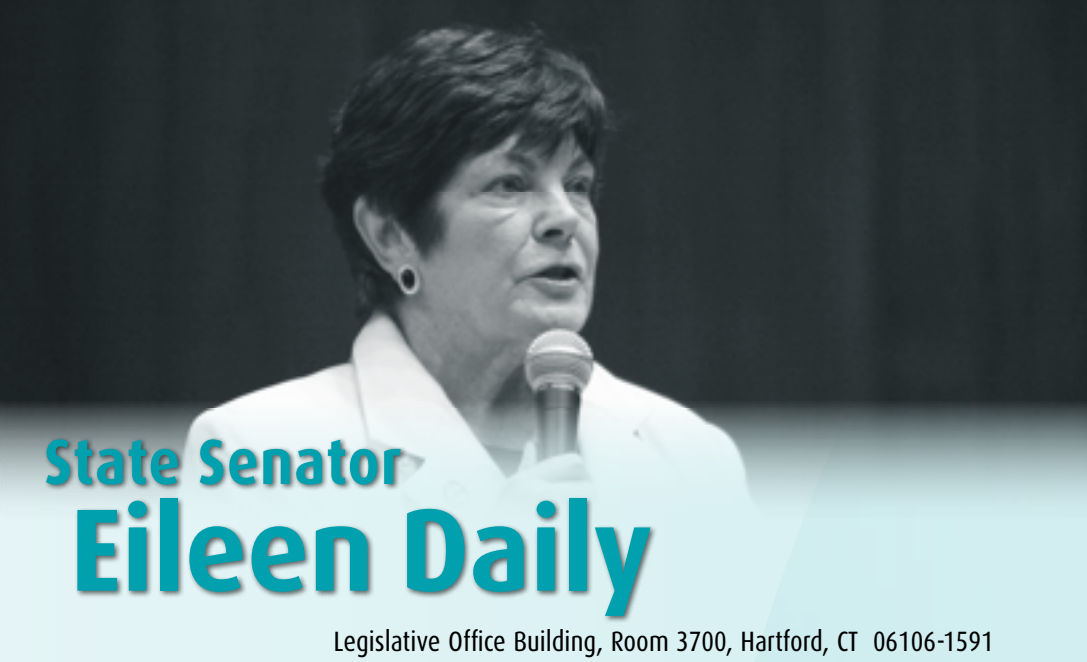
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THE BUDGET

Working Together to Balance the Budget

The 2010 legislative session began with the state facing a projected deficit of more than \$1.2 billion for the current two-year budget. Despite the daunting task of closing the deficit, we were able to work together in a bipartisan fashion with the governor to balance the budget. We did it without raising taxes or cutting municipal aid. Instead, we cut state spending by hundreds of millions of dollars, reduced borrowing and worked hard to maximize federal funding.



NEW LAWS



Preserving Agricultural Jobs

Agriculture has been an important part of Connecticut's economy since Colonial days. In order to protect and grow this industry, I supported a bill to update Connecticut's poultry inspection laws and to support small family farms by allowing them to prepare and sell jams, jellies, preserves, pickles, salsa and hot sauce. By helping Connecticut farms, we provide local food for our families—and create jobs.

The Great Outdoors—On a Budget

If you enjoy the great outdoors, you'll be happy to learn that the legislature reduced recent increases in hunting, fishing, camping and park entrance fees. An example of the savings for Connecticut residents: a pass during the weekend at Hammonasset State Park has been rolled back by about \$7 approved rebates next year for those who purchased certain licenses before the price cut was enacted.



GROWING JOBS

There was no greater priority this legislative session than helping Connecticut create high-quality jobs. We worked with Governor Rell to do just that. Some economists call our landmark bipartisan jobs bill the most important jobs initiative that the General Assembly has ever considered. Provisions of the new law include:

- ▶ Loans and lines of credit for small businesses to help fund expansions, additional hires or new equipment
- ▶ Sales-tax exemptions for machinery, supplies and fuel used in renewable energy industries
- ▶ Loan reimbursements and training grants for education and careers in green technology, life sciences and health information technology
- ▶ Pre-seed financing and technical services to businesses developing innovative concepts
- ▶ Tax credits for angel investments in bioscience, photonics, information technology and green technology businesses

This law is an example of what can happen when business leaders, academics and small-business owners from across the state come together with one common goal: help Connecticut grow jobs.



Protecting the State's Credit in Tough Times

The global recession caused state revenues to plummet and even jeopardized Connecticut's credit rating. Bond-rating agencies warned that unless the state acted decisively, our ability to borrow for important projects at an affordable rate could be affected. We took aggressive action to de-authorize or reduce \$422 million in previously approved projects this year—bringing us safely under the bonding cap while preserving credit and helping to control future debt.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

ENERGY SAVINGS

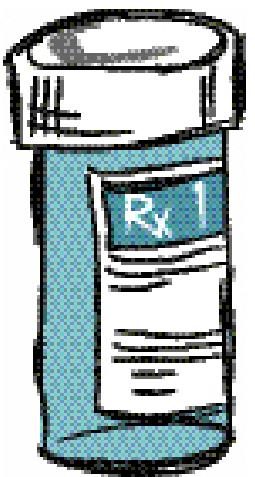
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FOR SENIORS

- ▶ **Medicare Savings Programs (MSP)**
By joining MSP, **eligible seniors could save \$1,000 per year or more in Medicare Part B premiums**, and the Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy would lower prescription co-payments. Most individuals in ConnPACE are eligible for Medicare and can enroll in MSP.

As a ConnPACE member, your pharmacy co-payment is now \$16.25. **Your pharmacy co-pay could be reduced to as low as \$2.50 for generics and \$6.30 for brand-name drugs** on Medicare Part D's Drug list. For more information, call **CHOICES** at 1-800-994-9422, speak to a representative at 211, or visit www.ct.gov/dss/medicaresavingsprograms.



Additional Resources and Links

Follow links to these special pages from www.senatedems.ct.gov:

- ▶ Resources for Jobseekers
- ▶ Protecting Homeowners, Preventing Foreclosures
- ▶ Veterans' Guide
- ▶ Health Care Programs in Connecticut
- ▶ A Guide to the State Budget